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DCI BRIEFING
FOR THE HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

GUATEMALA

- I. There is a split within the Peralta military regime over the choice of an official presidential candidate for this year's elections.
 - A. Military and political groups, even those close to the government, are disgruntled by Peralta's tactics, apparently designed to retain his effective control over a successor government.
 1. No group is presently strong enough to seriously challenge Peralta but the increasing political tensions are encouraging to the Cuban-supported guerrillas who remain well-organized and capable of terrorist actions despite a stepped-up government campaign against them.

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